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THE NO-SEW BOW TIE

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Here at *Sir*, we know you want to look good on- and off-campus. And that means wearing clothes that are comfortable, affordable and that make you look your best, always. Don't DIY? This simple sartorial step-by-step will give you that sometimes-wardrobe staple that's easy to wear and will make you stand out in the best way. Sure, we obviously approve of the bow tie making a comeback in menswear (our style friends told us so). But if you're part of the 47 percent and can't

purchase a new one (that was a joke there), don't know how to sew, or don't want to, ever — we have a solution for you. How about crafting like a man and creating this no-sew bow tie with your bare hands? Not only is it a fraction of the cost, only minimal experience is needed. Plus, gift this for the upcoming holidays for your friend, boyfriend, girlfriend, dad, mom, cat, dog, cat/dog or fish. Or, just make it to stare at and take some cool pictures for your Instagram friends. (Hey, a single guy's gotta start somewhere!)

What You'll Need

- ▶ 10x2 ¾ inches of interfacing (for shape) (Find it at a fabric store.)
- ▶ 11x4 ¾ inches of material
- ▶ 4x1-inch strip of same material
- ▶ Bow tie clip (Get these on Etsy.com, a crafting store or from an old bow tie)
- ▶ Glue Stick (or fabric glue)
- ▶ Rubber band
- ▶ Iron
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Marker
- ▶ Ruler

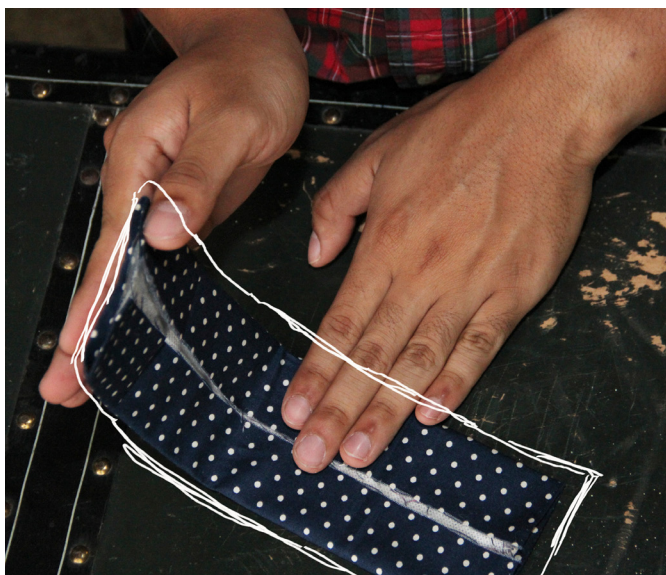
1 Flip your material to the back side and cut/measure out the needed pieces.



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- 2** Center your interfacing onto the 11x4 $\frac{3}{4}$ -strip of material and fold hot dog-style. (It sounds dumb, but it's easier to understand, isn't it!) Fold the left and right edges of the fabric in over the interfacing by a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and iron. Fold down the top and bottom flaps of fabric so that both flaps meet in the folded middle of the interfacing and iron the flaps down.



- 3** Fold the now 10x2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rectangle in half hamburger-style and iron it down. Make sure the center crease isn't showing on the outside.



4

Pinch the middle of your folded piece to create the bow tie shape.

5

To keep the shape, tighten a rubber band around the middle.

6

Take the bow tie clip and slip it in underneath the rubber band. Make sure the rubber band is snug enough to keep the clip in place.





7 Take the skinny piece of material and iron the edges, length-wise. Glue the top and bottom edges of the material and wrap it around the bow tie clip. Make sure the glued end hits the back of the bow tie for a cleaner look.

8 ADJUST BOW TIE AS NEEDED.

